

## SENATE RESOLUTION 131

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ajay Dharmen Makwana,  
2012 Valedictorian of Ooltewah High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ajay Dharmen Makwana is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Ooltewah High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ajay has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities, including band, mock trial, Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Omega Society; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, he has volunteered at Erlanger Hospital and mentored middle school band members; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Makwana earned the Grote Chemistry Scholar Award at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, served as band captain, and was named All-State Clarinet Fifth Chair; and

WHEREAS, Ajay's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he will pursue his bachelor's degree in biochemistry, after which he plans to attend medical school; and

WHEREAS, Ajay's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Dharmen and Vibha Makwana, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ajay Makwana's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Ooltewah High School Valedictorian, Ajay Dharmen Makwana, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.